REMARKS

The amendment to the claims 1, 3, 4, 7, and 11 is supported by the original disclosure at page 6, line 10-18. Applicants submit that the amendment does not add new matter to the disclosure. The amendment could not have been earlier presented in as much as the previous amendment created the issue addressed by the present amendment. Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered.

Applicants hereby confirm the election of the invention of Group I, claims 1-11, 13 without traverse. The non-elected claims have been canceled.

Applicants submit that the term "fused" has been deleted from the claims. On this basis, applicants submit that the specification provides adequate written description for the invention as now claimed. Thus, applicants submit that the claims are now in compliance with 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

For the above reasons, applicants submit that the claims are patentable over the prior art of record and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is earnestly and respectfully solicited.

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